

MASSACHUSETTS SALTWATER FISHING DERBY

Rules and Regulations

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Marine Fisheries, will acknowledge catches of outstanding saltwater gamefish that meet certain requirements. Eligible species and minimum qualifying weights are listed below:

Eligible Species	Minimum WT (lbs.)	Eligible Species	Minimum WT (lbs.)
Albacore	30	Pollock	20
Bluefish	12	Porbeagle Shark	150
Blue Marlin	250	Scup	2
Bluefin Tuna	500	Sea Bass	4
Blue Shark	250	Spanish Mackerel	5
Bonito	5	Striped Bass	35
Cod	30	Swordfish	150
Cusk	20	Tautog	8
Dolphin	15	Thresher Shark	200
False Albacore	10	Wahoo	30
Fluke	7	Weakfish	8
Haddock	8	>NO White Marlin<	
Halibut	50	Winter Flounder	3
Mackerel	2	Wolffish	20
Mako Shark	150	Yellowfin Tuna	50

At the end of each derby year, trophies will be awarded to anglers who landed the heaviest fish in each species category. Winners will be chosen in three divisions: men, women, and juniors (age fifteen and younger).

The derby runs from March 1 through November 30 each year and is open to all age groups. Fish entered must be caught in a fair and sporting manner on hook and line and must be measured and weighed at an official weigh station on a certified scale. Weighmasters can be found at most local marinas and tackle shops.

To enter, fill out an official affidavit and have it certified at a weigh-station. Please write clearly and provide all information requested. Affidavits that are illegible or incomplete cannot be accepted. Mail affidavits to: Massachusetts Saltwater Fishing Derby, 50A Portside Drive, Pocasset, MA 02559. Entries must be received within 30 days of catch and be postmarked no later than December 10th.

Special awards are offered for new state records. If your catch exceeds the weight listed on the current list of Massachusetts Saltwater Gamefish Records, you may qualify for a special award. All weigh-stations have been provided with a copy of the current list. When applying for a new state record your affidavit must be accompanied by a clear photograph of your catch with your name, address and telephone number on the back.

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WEIGHMASTER'S AFFIDAVIT
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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Angler_____

Mailing
Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone # (____) _____ Age_____ Sex_____

Species_____ Weight_____ lbs _____ oz

Total Length_____ Weight_____ lbs
() Digital Scale

Girth_____

Date Caught_____ Time Caught_____

Location_____ Bait_____

Name of Vessel_____

Skipper_____

Catch Witnessed By_____

Address_____

Official Weigh Station_____

Address_____

Weighmaster
Name (Please Print)_____

Signature_____

All Information Must Be Filled In Before Signing

Fish Weighed On Boat Do Not Qualify
Fish Must Be Weighed On Shore

Mail To:

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